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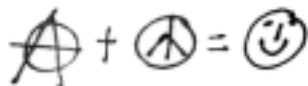
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NO GLOBALISATION WITHOUT DIRECT DEMOCRACY – ANARCHIST MEDIA INSTITUTE



WHAT ROLE THE AUSTRALIAN STATE?

Although most Australians still believe that the state is there to protect their interests, a few are beginning to question this assumption. Many of the current workplace disputes don't revolve around wages and conditions they revolve around more fundamental issues. Workers and their organisations are being forced to take up issues that normally are the responsibility of government.

The Australian Nursing Federation is locked in a dispute with the Victorian government about nursing numbers and health care standards in public hospitals. The Electrical Union of Victoria has imposed green bans on projects to force the Victorian government to consider using renewable energy sources to manufacture electricity. The Australian Manufacturing Workers Union are involved in a bitter dispute to force private corporations to protect workers legal entitlements. These workplace disputes highlight the changing nature of government in the 21st century. During the 20th century the state was forced through strikes, revolts and revolutions to take up the interests of the people. By the end of the 20th century privatisation, deregulation and the globalisation of capital had eroded these gains. It's no accident that the anti-globalisation movement has spread across the world over the past few years. As the state becomes hostage to global capital, governments begin to serve the interests of corporate capitalism not the interests of the people they represent.

It's no accident that an increasing number of people across the globe are losing faith in the parliamentary system. As the official channels for change become distorted and clogged with the failed hopes and aspirations of honest people who want justice, new extra parliamentary channels open up. The anti-globalisation movement and the shift of focus of the trade union movement from disputes covering wages and conditions to wider community issues are legitimate

responses to governments that have become apologists for corporate interests.

Change is in the air, not cosmetic change that is brought about by working up the right channels, but real change that occurs when extra parliamentary channels are used to challenge both the power of the state and the corporate sector.

I WANT TO BE A FEDERAL PARLIAMENTARIAN

Only kidding folks. The Federal auditor general is a little bit upset about the lack of checks and balances on parliamentary perks and lurks. In an effort to make the process transparent the Auditor General has made 28 recommendations to the Department of Finance to get the process back on the rails. The Department of Finance, a law unto itself, weren't very impressed, but in an attempt to appear even handed they have agreed to look at 3 of the 28 recommendations.

Just in case you think were talking about peanuts, it costs the Australian Taxpayer 350 million dollars per year to keep our Federal politicians in the life style their accustomed to. Considering that real power doesn't lie in parliament it seems a lot of money to pay to a group of people who are more interested in being involved in debates about John Howard's Chesterfield Lounge Suite than in looking after the interest of the people they represent. In a country that has a total tax take of 168 billion dollars per year spending 1/3rd of a billion dollars on the lurks and perks enjoyed by 350 politicians is a little bit hard to take.

The department of Finance is still smarting from last weeks caning by the Auditor General. The Auditor General had the audacity to tell the government that there drive to sell off Commonwealth property at bargain basement prices and release the same property at premium prices courtesy of the generosity of the Australian taxpayer was economic vandalism, was not well received. Mr Fahey as expected sprang to the defence of the Finance department and told The Auditor General to pull his head in. As far as he was concerned the Auditor General should stick to counting beans and he should leave the decision making process to the

Federal Government. No wonder the Auditor General struck back this week with his well-placed blow to parliaments solar plexus.

THE FINAL CURTAIN

The death of Christopher Skase in Spain highlights the deficiencies of the Australia Media. Over the past ten years both the corporate media and the ABC have indulged in a very popular national sport - Skase hunting. Christopher Skase was no different and is no different to many of the corporate high flyers that dot the Australian landscape. His crime was that his business empire collapsed around his ears.

I distinctly remember that when he was using the same dubious commercial practices to amass his fortune that led to his financial collapse that the corporate and state run media, literally worshipped at his feet. This was the economic genius who could do no wrong, financial reporters hung on his every word. He, like Laurie Connell and Alan Bond, were lauded as economic miracle men. They were able to amass their dubious fortunes and indulge in some of the most dishonest commercial ventures seen in this country because they didn't have to worry about the glare of publicity.

The mass media in Australia aided by defamation laws that were set up to protect the interests of the rich and powerful never questions let alone attacks. The concentration of ownership of the media in this country in fewer and fewer hands and government intervention in the ABC has guaranteed that small investors and the public never know what's going on until it's too late. The H.I.H. and One-Tel debacles are classical examples of what happens when the corporate media and the ABC are unwilling and incapable of lifting the lid on what's happening in the business sector.

Christopher Skase has inadvertently done all Australians a favour. His encounters with the mass media and successive Australian governments have shown us that they don't have the will to lift the lid on corporate corruption in this country.

ECONOMIC TREASON!!

If the Minister for Workplace Warfare claims that Tristar workers are guilty of economic treason, it must be true. The ungrateful bastards have gone on strike at the very moment our great leader John Chuckie Howard was worshipping at the feet of our economic masters in Tokyo. Abbott's right, how could this rabble pull the carpet from under the feet of the great Australian helmsman at the very moment he was prostrating himself before mammon.

The minister is right, these men are guilty of economic treason. How dare they let their miserable demands get in the way of corporate profits. Who do they think they are? Don't they know their place in life? It's people like this who ruin it for the rest of us. What are they striking about anyway? Who in their right minds would undermine our great leader at the very moment he was bearing gifts for the corporate world? What makes these little people think that their pathetic attempts to protect their legal entitlements if Tristar goes bankrupt is any concern of anyone else.

Why don't they take it on the chin like H.I.H. and One-Tel workers? What makes them think that employers should take out insurance or set-up or join trusts to guarantee workers their long service leave, holiday pay and other entitlements if the company goes belly up. Who do they think they are, asking employers to lock up good money to protect workers interests? Don't they understand that employers need to make a buck and that sometimes they need to cut corners to keep the business afloat?

Abbott is right; these are treasonable actions being carried out by workers who should know better. If they lose their entitlements, they should grin and bear it. They should understand that their legal entitlements are needed to augment the bosses' profits. They should be honoured, if they, like their H.I.H. and One-Tel counterparts, are asked to make sacrifices for the corporate sector. How can owners be expected to maintain their lifestyle if workers won't make sacrifices for the good of the country?

Australia needs more men like the Minister for Workplace Warfare Tony Abbott. Men who are willing to call a spade a spade and who are willing to let the people who elected them into office be exploited by corporations.

THE STATE COMES TO THE CORPORATE PARTY

Nothing unifies nation states more than attacks on the people who pull the economic strings. It seems the global resistance to corporate exploitation is to be met by a united stand by European governments. Germany has called for the establishment of a special European parliamentary force to deal with protests against the globalisation of capital. It's interesting that a government that has Greens in cabinet has floated this idea.

Not that European governments don't cooperate in the fight against globalisation protests. Not only do they share information and prevent activists from crossing borders in Europe, an act which clearly contravenes everything the European Union is supposed to represent. At Genoa, they joined forces and set up a special paramilitary unit that masqueraded as a section of the Black Bloc. This force successfully sowed discord and confusion among G8 protestors.

The call to set up this special unit is an attempt by the European Union to formalise and extend the arrangements they have already made to deal with threats against the globalisation of capital. It's no accident that this call has been made after a barrage of anti-globalisation media generated hysteria. The European Union feels it's time to seize the moment and create a special paramilitary force. This gives them power, not only to discredit and destroy the movement that is resisting the globalisation of capital, but also to give them the military muscle needed to overcome local movements that are developing in Europe, that are resisting the transfer of power from nation states to a central authority.

It's interesting that although capital has pushed and to a large degree succeeded in opening up borders in Europe to allow for the trading of goods and the movement of people, it has baulked at the prospect of its citizens using these same rights to challenge the right of global capitalism to set the cultural, social, economic and political agenda of the region and the world. This is a classical example of that old adage that what's good for the gander isn't necessarily good for the goose.

ANARCHIST QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q. What role do personal sanctions play in an anarchist society?

A. Ethical considerations and structures that minimise the damage caused by individuals who try to impose their will on others, may minimise the need for personal sanctions, but they don't remove that need. Situations will arise where no amount of coaxing, suggestions and discussion will modify an individuals behaviour.

If that behaviour is annoying, but doesn't cause harm to other people, it would be tolerated. Apart from discussion and appeals to change that behaviour, no personal sanctions would be applied. The situation becomes much more difficult when that behaviour causes harm to other people. In those situations the traditional anarchist sanction used has been expulsion. This sanction can be counterproductive. It's counterproductive because it drives people who have been expelled to band together for mutual support and to become a permanent irritant to the community. Expulsion would need to be co-ordinated and acceptable to the community that person is expelled to. Except in extreme circumstances, it would be unusual for one community to accept another communities problems.

Other options that could be considered are house arrest, or the appointment of minders to supervise the individual concerned. As most anarchists are not pacifists, these measures protect the community from the individual, as well as the individual from the community. In an anarchist society, individual choice is enhanced through collective action. The limitation of individual choice, is one of the most powerful personal sanctions that an anarchist community can use to deal with difficult situations.

The other aspect of this debate revolves around due process and the establishment of structures to deal with these situations. Everyone within the community needs to know and understand that a particular process will be followed in dealing with unacceptable behaviour. If there isn't due process and established procedures and structures to deal with these situations, it's likely that the heat generated by these circumstances may lead to mob rule and summary justice. A path that would eventually lead to the communities destruction.

ACTION BOX

Keeping Your Eye On The Ball

It's one thing being familiar with anarchist theory and history, it's another thing applying that theory and history to what is happening today. Relationships within communities change, structures change and the interaction between the powerful and powerless change. What may have been an appropriate strategy sixty years ago, may be inappropriate today. What may have worked yesterday may not work today. What you may want to see happen may have nothing to do with the reality you are faced with.

Access to information is critical if you want to be in a position to understand what's happening around you. All the best will in the world, is of little use to you if you are playing cricket with a soccer ball. It's important that you use a number of sources to collect your information. Radical activists who don't examine information collected outside of their milieu, develop a 'you and them' ghetto mentality that limits their effectiveness. It's important, that if you want to be effective, you collect and analyse information from both friendly and hostile sources.

Unless we're abreast with what's happening in the places we live and work, we're doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past. Although information is power, how that information is analysed can be as important as the information collected. When we're looking at information, it's important we analyse it dispassionately. If we don't, we run the very real risk of creating artificial situations that have nothing to do with the reality we're faced with. Overreacting on the strength of inadequate information, can cost us dearly both as individuals and as a movement.

When we analyse any information collected, we should remember that information is not value free. We need to make allowances for how it's collected, why it's collected and who analyses it. That's why it's important when we try to keep our eye on the ball, we try to obtain information about the same event from a number of different sources. Analysis and strategy that reflects our desires, not the practical reality on the ground, is the most effective method of negating any of the work we have done. Irrespective of how tedious and disappointing keeping your eye on the ball may be, spending time doing it, soon pays dividends in the struggle for egalitarian social change.

AUSTRALIAN ANARCHIST AND RADICAL HISTORY "The Worm Turns"

Peter Lalor, the brother of James Fintan Lalor, one of the leaders of the 1848 Irish uprising, was a leader of the Eureka rebellion, a rebellion that involved anarchists who participated in the European 1848 uprisings. Lalor was shot in the left arm, but escaped from the Eureka stockade in the early hours of the 3rd of December, 1854. Lalor and Black, two leaders of the rebellion, were hidden by fellow miners. Lalor had his left arm amputated during this period. He stayed underground until the 13 men involved in the rebellion (who were tried for Treason), were acquitted in March 1855.

Lalor was elected to parliament in 1860 as a representative of the miners. The years following the Eureka stockade were marked by a shift from alluvial to underground mines. This shift resulted in independent miners becoming wage earners. As the miners lost their independence, they formed local unions. The Sandhurst Miners Association, based at Ballarat, won the eight hour day in 1873. Several other mining companies followed suit, but the Lothair mine, one of whose directors was (surprise, surprise), the parliamentarian. Peter Lalor replied that the miners could have an eight hour day if they took a cut in wages.

A strike followed, the directors tried to break the strike by introducing Chinese labour. On the 8th of December, 1873, five hundred men assisted by a large number of women, led by a band descended on the Lothair pit and demolished with their bare hands, the building prepared for the "free labour". The next morning, over a thousand miners set up a barricade (the Clunes Barricade) to stop the convoy bringing in "free labour". When the police accompanying the convoy tried to breach the barricade, a "sturdy North of Ireland women without shoes or stockings, mounted the barricade, she called to the other women, 'come on you cousin Jinnies, give me the stones and I will fire them'. When the sergeant in charge of the convoy, aimed his carbine at her, she bared her breast and challenged him to shoot away and be damned to ye-better to be shot then be starved to death". With those parting words, she rained a shower of stones on the sergeant and cut his cheek.

The miners and their women taking their cue from her, showered the convoy with stones and pieces of wood and put them to flight. The Clunes incident led to the amalgamation on 12 small local unions. In June, 1874, these unions formed the Amalgamated Miners Association, an Association that had nearly 2000 members.

Source of Article Page 38, The Bitter Fight by Joe Harris, University of Queensland Press 1970, ISBN 070220613X.



BOOK REVIEW –

**Accidental Death Of An Anarchist
Dario Fo, Adapted by Gavin Richards from a
translation by Gillian Hanna, Introduced by
Stuart Hood, Published by Methuen Drama.
First published Italy 1970, 1990 English
edition, ISBN 0-413-15610-9**

It's appropriate that two weeks after the Italian States' brutal crackdown on Genoan, 68 protestors, that we review Dario Fo's, *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*. Dario Fo made his name as an actor, mime director and writer for the Italian theatre in the 50's and early 60's. In the later half of the 60's, he abandoned the traditional theatre and took his plays directly to workers clubs, factories and the street.

Accidental Death of an Anarchist was based on real life events. On the 12th of December, 1969, a bomb went off in the Milan railway station, 16 people died. The anarchists were blamed for the outrage. Giuseppe Pinelli, an anarchist from a Milan group, mysteriously fell

to his death from the fourth floor window of Milan's police headquarters, while being questioned about the outrage. The police declared that he committed suicide when they convinced him that the real culprits were anarchists from his group. Ten years later, three fascists, one of them Giannettini, an agent of the Italian secret police, were condemned to prison for the bombing.

In 1970, Dario Fo's *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, was performed all over Italy in makeshift theatres. Each performance was followed by a public discussion. As a consequence of these discussions and information that was released about the bombing from police transcripts, the play was fine tuned. Over the next two years, *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, was performed before one million Italians. The play acted as counter information to the garbage that was appearing in the Corporate and State run press.

"They split their side laughing at the effects produced by the comical and at the same time satirical situations, but as the performance went on, they gradually came to see that they were laughing the whole time at real events, events that were criminal and obscene in their brutality : crimes of the State" – Dario Fo.

Accidental Death of an Anarchist has become a metaphor for police brutality and crimes of the State. It has successfully been translated and performed before audiences that have no knowledge of the circumstances that led to the creation of the play. It stands alone as an example of how sharp satirical comedy can be used to expose the real terrorists in our midst. Although it's always better to watch the play, than read the book, sometimes in life we have to do with second best. You should find a copy of this play at your local library or possibly in the remainder bin of your local radical bookshop. I recommend you get hold of a copy if you want to keep that smile on your face while you are smashing the State.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION

The bride and groom plus assorted relatives stood in a row, welcoming waves of guests who had just negotiated two flights of stairs. The bride, bright red nails, fixed smile in traditional Cambodian dress, plastic tiara in her hair drowning in glitter, waited, watched and welcomed.

The groom, a short greying man in his late thirties, smiled and cried simultaneously. Wearing a French white military style uniform with gold epaulettes, he made Napoleon look positively pedestrian. For two hours they sat, stood and welcomed an avalanche of guests.

Sitting at the table reserved for the father of the bride, I was both a participant and observer. In a city of nearly four million people, one tiny corner was reserved for nearly 400 wedding guests. A community within a community, that had come to seal the union of two families in their own way. Cambodian men and women who had escaped from Pol Pots utopia to a land most had never heard of, clung to the last vestiges of a culture that spanned thousands of years.

The bland played traditional Cambodian music with Western instruments, male and female crooners, belted out old favourites as well as Cambodian pop. Guests streamed onto the dance floor using their hands, arms and bodies, rather than their feet. Looking around the tables laden with the harvests of the land of plenty, it was easy to do what was expected, to forget the past and enter the fairytale world of the king and queen for the day. The wedding, a vinaigrette of choreographed moves, went off without a hitch, culminating in the cutting of seven delicately tiered wedding cakes. Each move recorded on a battery of recording equipment for their past, present and future, both here and in Cambodia.

As the night wore on, the undercurrents, petty jealousies, frustrations, lost hopes and the story within the story, began to unravel. Conversations switched from the king and queen for the day, to the realities of everyday existence. I only saw two elderly people among

the guests, the bulk of the guests were made up of the generation that escaped twenty five years ago, their children and their children's children. The old died or stayed behind, those that stayed behind, are not normally acceptable for Australian government family reunion programs.

The first generation born in Australia is blighted with two problems, the problems that children face whose parents have survived a holocaust and the problems that a community living on the cultural, psychological, intellectual and economic margins of a new society have to deal with. While other immigrant families have after a generation or two, become part of mainstream society, these people's children are faced with the added burden, because of their appearance of being considered as outsiders for generations to come.

Tonight, sheltered from the realities that they face tomorrow, the bride and groom who incidentally have changed into their fifth outfit, bow as their guests leave. Looking at them and looking at the clock, I wonder if they'll change into pumpkins when the clock strikes twelve in a few minutes time.

STOP PRESS – He's Back?

Wonderful isn't it, a few weeks of positive publicity and you guessed it, according to the Corporate and State run media, Chuckie is back in the hunt for a third term. Although Standard and Poors, the corporate world's eyes and ears, have categorically stated that Australia's credit rating will not alter if Labor is elected at the next Federal election. The corporate media is not so sure. As far as they are concerned, as long as Chuckie pisses off in the middle of the next parliamentary term and their boy Peter Dollar Sweet Costello, gets the top job, everything will be alright in corporate heaven.

The problem with a Labor government is that people develop expectations about what could and should happen. If these expectations aren't met, the resulting disillusionment pushes more people into our arms. So in the long run, as far as the corporate media is concerned, it's better a conservative government remain in power.

As long as pro-capital conservatives hold the reigns of power, people will always believe that a change of government should and may change their lives. That's why in both the short and long term, it's better for capital to throw their weight behind conservative governments.

Howard may be back in the eyes of the conservative media, but that doesn't necessarily mean that boring old hip pocket middle Australia has forgiven his government for the G.S.T. He may be calling for lower taxes for top income earners and his government may be spending 20 million dollars a week (that's a billion dollars a year) of taxpayers money telling all and sundry what a great government they are, but whether this will bolster his re-election chances is another story.

Not that I want to give unsolicited advice to the government, but if they want to improve their chances at the next Federal election, they need to chop Howard off at the knees and put Dollar Sweet Costello in his place. Those of us with a long enough political memory will remember when the drovers dog (Bob Hawke) rolled Willie Hayden and secured the top job for himself at the Federal election that Fraser called on the day Hawke rolled Hayden. At the end of the day, whether Howard is back or not, whether Costello rolls Howard, or Beazley secures the top job at the next Federal election is irrelevant. What's relevant is the increasing number of people who are questioning the current claytons political processes. They are the people who will set the agenda at the next Federal Election.

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- LE LIBERTAIRE No.217 July/Aug 2001, Boite Postale 745, 76060 Le HAVRE, CEDEX, FRANCE, Tel. 02 35 53 33 41, Fax. 02 35 53 21 27, <http://le-libertaire.org>, Email libertaire@normy
- Le Monde Libertaire No.18 28th June – 1st Aug 2001, Hebdomadaire de la Federation Anarchiste, 145 Rue Amelot, 75011, PARIS, FRANCE
- LIBERTARIA Vol.13 No.3 July/Sept 2001, Editrice A, Cas Post. 17120, 20170 MILANO, ITALY, Tel. 02 2896 627, Fax. 02 2800 1271, Email arivista@tin.it, <http://www.anarcha-bolo.ch/a-rivista>
- UMANITA NOVA Vol.81 No.27 22nd July 2001, C.so Palermo 46, 10152, TORINO, ITALY, Email fat@inrete.it, Mobile 0 338- 6594 361, Tel/Fax (011) 857 850

OTHER PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

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- LECTURES FRANCAISES Vol.44 No.529 May 2001, Revue de la Politique Francais, S.A.D.P.F., B.P.I. 86190, Chiree – en – Montreuil, C.C.P D.P.F, 2920 – 71 M. BORDEAUX, FRANCE, Tel. 0549 51 8304, Fax 0549 51 6350, <http://sadpf.com/>
- THE OTHER ISRAEL No.88/89 July 2001, Newsletter of the Israeli Council for Israeli – Palestinian Peace, P.O. B. 2542, HOLON 58125, ISRAEL, Tel/Fax 03)556 5804, Email otherisr@actcom.co.il
- THE STRATEGY Vol.10 No.117 August 2001, 334 Commercial Rd., Yarram 3971, Victoria, Australia, Email strategy@net-tech.com.au, (The Strategy is a pro-Christian fundamentalist conspiracy theory old right rag)

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ANARCHIST MEDIA INSTITUTE OBSCENITY OF THE WEEK

Has been awarded once again to Tony Abbott - Minister for Workplace Warfare - for accusing workers who are fighting to receive their legal entitlements of treasonable behaviour. It looks like the Howard regime is more interested in serving their corporate masters than representing the people who elect them into office.

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All The News That Fits

Bankrupt Queen's Counsel John Cummins paid no tax for 38 years. His wife Mary paid about \$12,000 tax on a \$3.3 million gross income.
SOURCE: The Australian.

The CFMEU (the union which covers construction workers among others) has decided not to oppose the government's enquiry into corruption in the construction industry. Instead, they will be represented at the enquiry, and will try and expose corruption on the part of employers, including tax evasion. The commission was supposed to focus on alleged corruption by union officials. Union spokesman John Maitland said "the government and the employers will regret calling the commission".

SOURCE: The Australian.

Video footage from Sydney's Villawood detention centre shows guards armed with batons and carrying shield and riot gear charging into a group of protesting Chinese asylum seekers. Minutes later the tape shows the asylum seekers handcuffed, with black eyes, bruises and cuts. One detainee has his arm in a sling. Lawyers for ACM, the American company which runs the detention centre, and for the Immigration Minister, tried to have the video suppressed in court. A lawyer for the NSW police also said the tape shouldn't be shown - because it was incompatible with the court's video machines.

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